

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

Applicant: Tommaso Innocenti

Title: Online Auction System Facilitating Flexible Terms
Commodity Trading

DECLARATION

I, Tommaso Innocenti, citizen of Italy, possessing as a legal residential address Via Cantagallo 64/I, 59100 Prato, Italy, hereby declare that I am the sole inventor and believe that I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, said subject matter being expressed in the specification contained in the Application attached hereto entitled 'Online Auction System Facilitating Flexible Terms Commodity Trading'. I further declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including the claims, and I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18 USC 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any Patent issued thereon.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Tommaso Innocenti, the undersigned, sole inventor of the present subject matter disclosed in the attached Application for Patent entitled 'Online Auction System Facilitating Flexible Terms Commodity Trading' and Applicant for the same, do hereby affirm that the services of Peter Gibson, Registered Patent Agent #34,605, have been employed for the preparation and filing of said Application for Patent and further, do respectfully request that Peter Gibson be recognized by the United States Patent Office as the duly authorized Agent of Record for filing and prosecution of said Application for Patent entitled 'Online Auction System Facilitating Flexible Terms Commodity Trading' as of this date and until further notice to the contrary.

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I, Peter Gibson, Registered Patent Agent #34,605, do hereby affirm acceptance of the responsibility for the preparation, filing, and prosecution of the enclosed Application for Patent entitled 'Online Auction System Facilitating Flexible Terms Commodity Trading' and further request that all correspondence emanating from the U.S. Patent Office concerning said Application for Patent be addressed to: Peter Gibson, Reg. #34,605 / 6316 Greenspring Avenue, #307 / Baltimore, MD 21209.

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Small Entity Declaration - Independent Inventor

I, Tommaso Innocenti, sole inventor, hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under 35 USC 41(a) & (b), to the United States Patent Office with regard to my above identified invention described in the specification filed herewith. I further declare that I have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed, and am not under any obligation under any contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any entity which would not qualify as a small entity.

I acknowledge a duty to file, in the above identified Application for Patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18 USC 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any Patent issued thereon.

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